

SITUATION REPORT NO. 26

INCIDENT NO. 2001 - 005

DATE: July 3, 2001

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The current elevation of Devils Lake at Creel Bay is 1447.85 feet which is an approximate gain of 0.11 foot since its initial peak of 1447.74 feet on May 20. The elevation of Stump Lake is 1411.88 feet representing a rise of approximately 0.59 foot above its initial peak of 1411.29 feet on May 21.

On June 27, pounding rains damaged infrastructure, basements in homes, crops, and hay land in Mountrail County.

Flooding in LaMoure County has caused extensive damage to infrastructure. Within the county, the city of Verona is experiencing significant problems with its waste water system.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), excessive soil moisture in Grand Forks County prevented farmers from planting 147,000 acres normally in production. A reported 300 farms were impacted. USDA reported heavy rainfall in Mountrail County, on June 27, caused a loss of 20,500 crop acres distributed among 30 farms.

4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: To insure public safety, local farmers in Mountrail County flagged areas of road and culvert washout.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: As of June 3, 211 Request for Public Assistance applications have been approved for FEMA-DR-1376-ND.

The Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team composed of representatives from state and federal agencies will meet July 12 to discuss priorities and strategies for FEMA-DR-1376-ND.

As a result of the June 9 hailstorm in the Bismarck/Mandan area, a group of local, state and federal agencies have formed a task force to address regulatory and enforcement issues regarding transient merchants and contractors who are performing repair work in Burleigh and Morton Counties. The task force includes representatives of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, the N.D. Workers Compensation Bureau, the Bismarck and Mandan Police Departments, the Burleigh and Morton County States Attorneys, the Burleigh and Morton County Sheriff's Offices, and the U.S. Border Patrol. Transient merchants are required to obtain a transient merchant license issued by the Attorney General's office and contractors must have a contractor's license issued by the Secretary of State's office.

The Mountrail Board of County Commissioners issued a disaster declaration, on June 29.

Damage, caused from a recent hailstorm, prompted Morton County officials, on July 2, to issue a disaster declaration.

On July 3, LaMoure County officials issued an emergency declaration.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No additional requests have been received.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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